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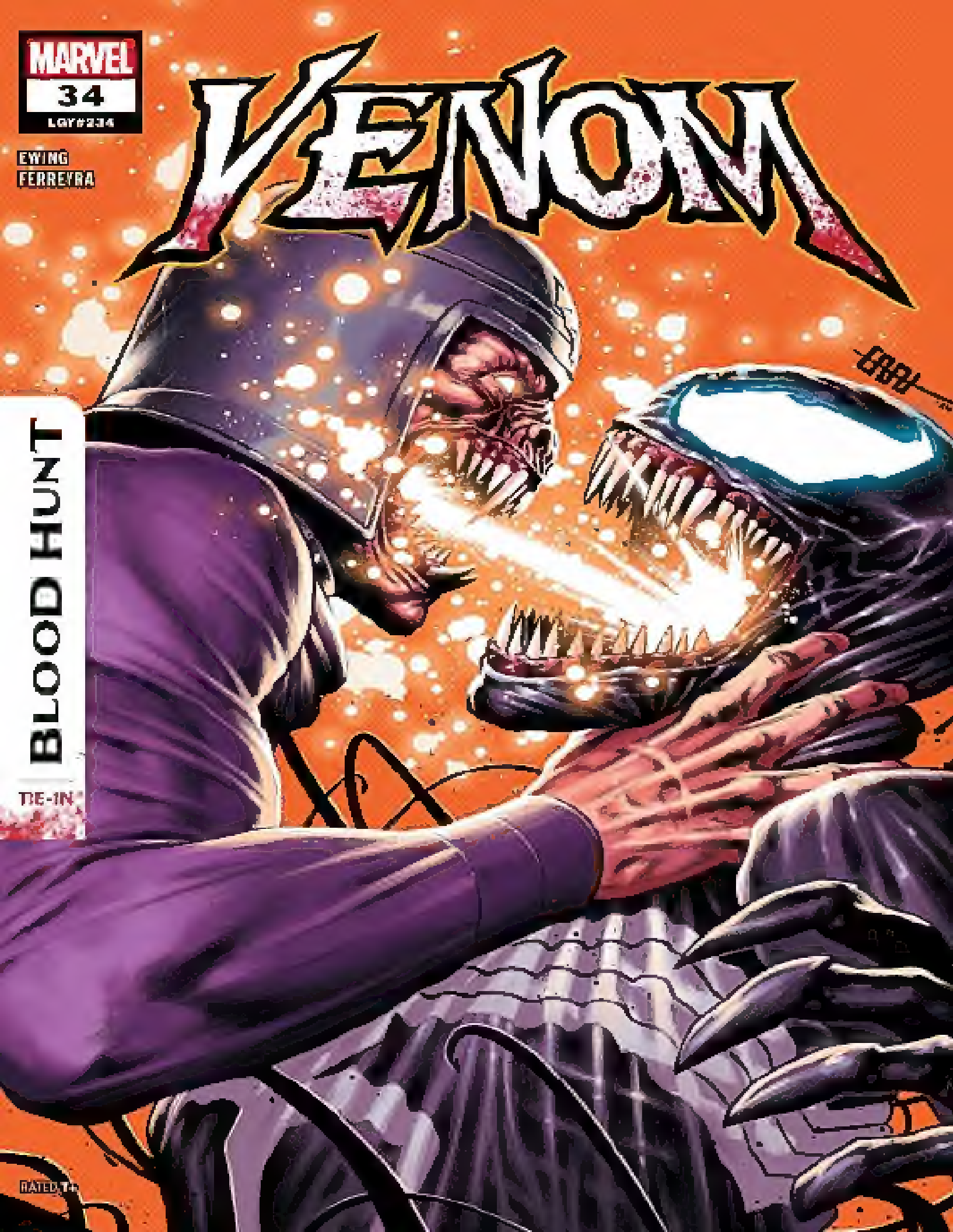
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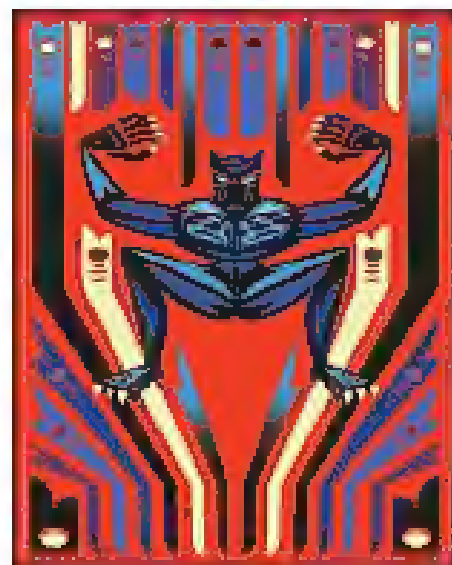
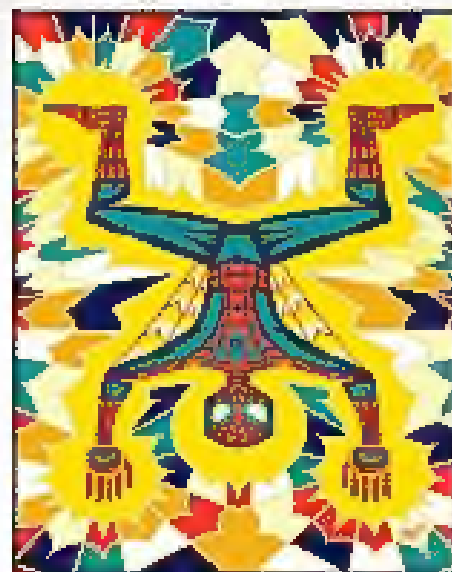
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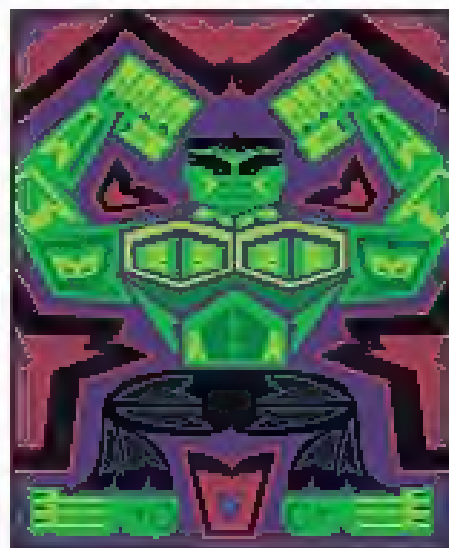
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# JEFFREY VEREGGE



Jeffrey Veregge, 50, passed away April 12, 2024, after a courageous battle with lupus. A member of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Veregge created a style he called "Salish geek," which combined Native American art, graphic design and comic-book heroes. His striking covers on *Fed Wolf* and *Heroes Reborn* stood out from everything else on comic shelves. In 2018, The Smithsonian opened Veregge's exhibition "Of Gods and Heroes," which included his epic mural for the Museum of the Native American in New York. His work on comic covers and in public spaces leaves a fantastic legacy that will long be remembered. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.



Years ago, **EDDIE BROCK** was a reporter whose career was ruined, and he contemplated ending his own life. But he found a kindred spirit—an extraterrestrial parasitic alien called a symbiote. The creature bonded to him, and the two were joined. Together, they are:

# VENOM

## “EXSANGUINATION”

### PREVIOUSLY

Eternal night and hordes of vampires descend upon Earth! After murdering **DYLAN BROCK**, **CARNAGE**, the bloodthirsty symbiote bonded to serial killer **CLETUS KASADY**, traveled to the **GARDEN OF TIME** to hunt his next victim: **EDDIE BROCK**. Though Eddie and the other inmates of the King in Black escaped, Carnage destroyed the Garden, leaving Eddie and **MERIDIUS** lost in the timestream.

Venom managed to stabilize Dylan’s body, abandoning him and swearing never to bond to a host again, but the boy’s soul slipped away to the **EVENTUALITY**, Eddie Brock’s final form at the end of time, where Dylan asked it five questions.

At a cemetery, a zombified **LEE PRICE**, former host to Venom, rose from his grave, where he attacked the symbiote, seemingly at the behest of the **CAPTIVE**, a hyper-lethal extraterrestrial symbiote vampire! Meanwhile, Dylan awakes, only to find himself at the mercy of a vampiric priest intent on vengeance against Eddie!

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I KNOW YOU.

I'VE SEEN YOUR FACE.

WELL, THAT'S JUST FASCINATING.

I HEARD YOU TELLING THE OTHER ALIEN THAT YOU'D FOUND OUT EVERYTHING THE VENOM SYMBIOTE HAD DONE...

...AND I ASSUMED THAT WAS A CONVERSATION.

BUT YOU EXPERIENCED IT, DIDN'T YOU, DYLAN? YOU SAW IT. YOU FELT IT.

WHAT HE DID TO ME.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR IT FROM MY SIDE?



YEARS AGO.

"I DIDN'T LEARN WHO  
YOUR FATHER WAS UNTIL  
LATER, AFTER THE...  
UNPLEASANTNESS.

"AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T  
SEE THE ALIEN—ONLY THE  
MAN. A DANGEROUS  
MAN, CERTAINLY...A MAN OF  
VIOLENCE...BUT HUMAN  
ALL THE SAME.

"SO I  
THOUGHT."

THEY MET IN VENOM #1501 --ED

"HE WAS TROUBLED.  
HE'D RETURNED TO A  
RELATIONSHIP, HE SAID.  
I GOT THE IMPRESSION  
HIS OTHER HALF WAS...  
A CONTROLLING  
INFLUENCE.

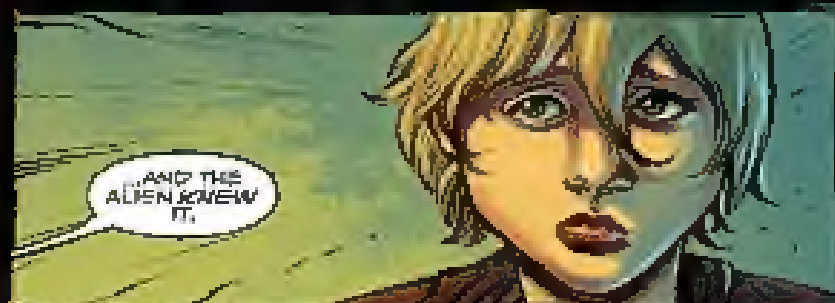
"COMPELLING HIM,  
DIRECTING HIM AGAINST  
HIS BETTER NATURE."



EVERYTHING  
HE SAID WAS A  
RED FLAG. EVEN  
SO, I NEVER  
PUSHED.

I NEVER  
SAID, "WHOEVER  
THIS IS, GET AWAY  
FROM THEM! PACK  
YOUR BAGS! LEAVE!  
RUN!"

BUT GIVEN  
TIME, I PROBABLY  
WOULD HAVE...



"AND THE  
ALIEN KNEW  
IT."



"SO THAT WAS  
THE LAST I  
SAW OF YOUR  
FATHER..."

"...FOR ABOUT  
HALF AN  
HOUR.

"UNTIL  
HE CAME  
BACK."

LATER... AFTER  
VENOM BROKE  
THREE OF MY RIBS,  
FRACTURED MY HIP AND  
GAVE ME A TREMOR  
I KEPT UNTIL  
I DIED...

"HE CAME  
TO THE HOSPITAL  
TO CONFESS. THE  
SYMBIOTE - NOT  
EDDIE BROCK, HE TOLD  
ME HE WANTED TO  
DO GOOD.

HE OFFERED ME  
PROTECTION.

UNTIL...

HOW'D  
THAT GO?



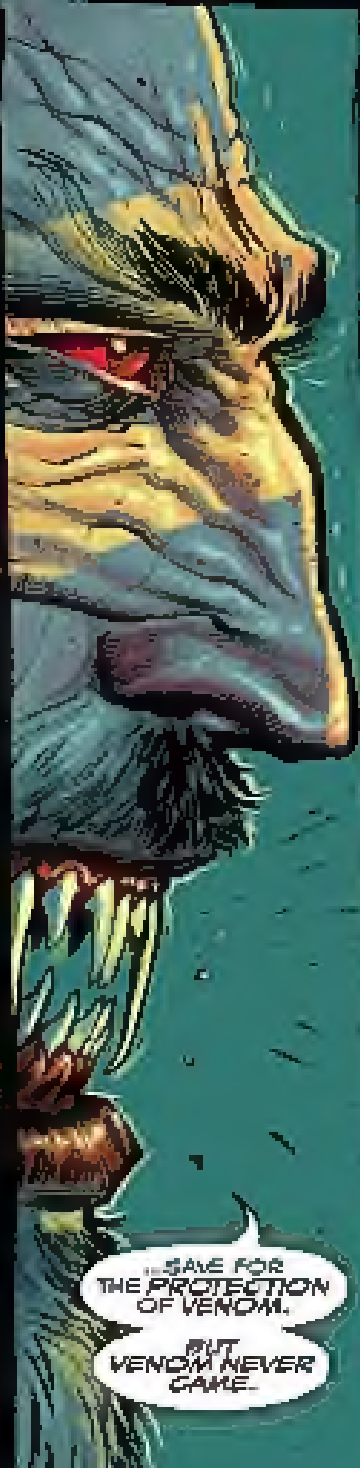
NOT SO WELL.

"I'D ONLY JUST  
GOTTEN OUT OF  
THE HOSPITAL...  
I WAS WALKING...  
LIMPING... BACK  
TO MY PARISH.  
THE SUN HAD  
ONLY JUST SET.

"BUT I  
WASNT  
ON HOLY  
GROUND.  
I WASNT  
WEARING MY  
CROSS. I  
DIDNT PICK  
UP A SLICE  
OF GARLIC  
PEPPERONI  
PIZZA OR A  
BOTTLED  
WATER TO  
BLESS.

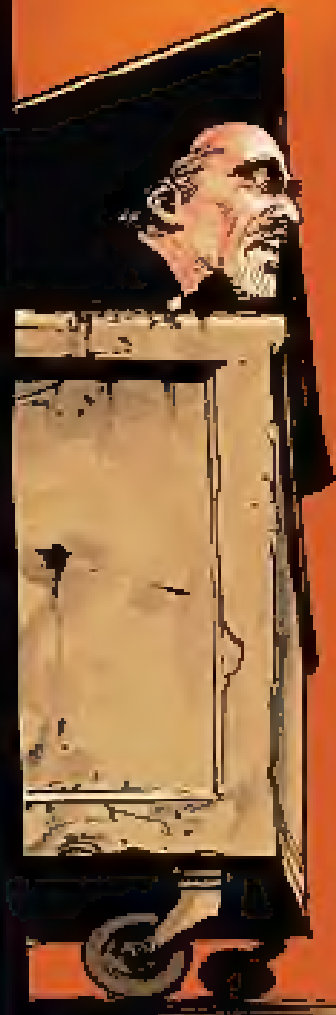
"HAD I MADE  
IT TO HOLY  
GROUND...  
WELL, WHO  
KNOWS?

"I WAS IN  
THE WRONG  
PLACE AT  
THE WRONG  
TIME, WITH NO  
DEFENSES..."



"AND WHEN I  
ROSE AGAIN,  
AFTER THEY'D  
GRAINED ME FOR  
SUSTENANCE  
AND TURNED ME  
FOR FUN..."

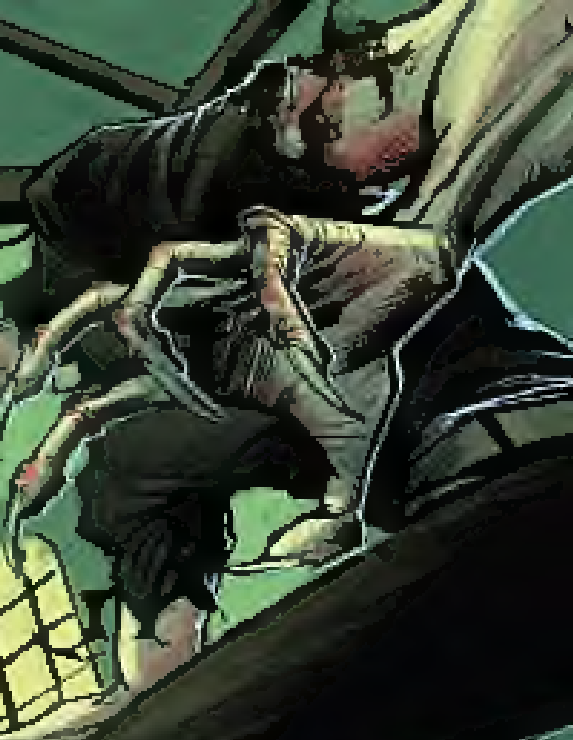
"SAVE FOR  
THE PROTECTION  
OF VENOM.  
BUT  
VENOM NEVER  
CAME."





...I HAD A NEW  
MINISTRY.


A NEW  
CALLING, A NEW  
VOCATION.



LOOK AT  
YOU, CAST OUT  
FROM HUMAN SOCIETY.  
EVEN YOUR FRIENDS  
HAVE NO TIME  
FOR YOU.

LIKE SO  
MANY OTHERS,  
AND ONLY A  
CHILD...

WHAT GOD  
COULD PERMIT  
SUCH A  
THING?



BUT I HAVE  
GOOD NEWS.  
GOD MAY HAVE  
ABANDONED YOU...  
BUT MY MASTER  
HAS NOT.

AND THERE IS  
A NEW SOCIETY  
BEING BUILT IN THE  
COMFORTING  
DARKNESS...  
THAT WILL WELCOME  
YOU WITH OPEN  
ARMS.

DON'T  
BE AFRAID,  
SON.



THE PAIN  
ONLY LASTS FOR  
A SECOND...



LEE PRICE'S  
GRAVE.

THE PAIN  
CAN LAST FOR  
CENTURIES.

HERE LIES  
LEE PRICE

AS LONG  
AS THE THRALL  
LASTS.

WE LIKE  
TO KEEP THEM  
AROUND—ONES  
LIKE THIS, WITH A DEEP  
NEED FOR A SYMBIOTE,  
MAKES A WONDERFUL  
LURE, PERFECT  
BAIT.

OTHER  
SYMBIOTES  
WILL INVESTIGATE  
THE CALL SIGN  
ENOUGH—MAKING  
UP REASONS IN  
THEIR MINDS.

YOU FEEL  
FOR HIM? HOW  
SWEET.

LEE!!!

AND PAIN  
IS A MATTER OF  
SCALE.

LIKE  
LIFE...

DON'T WORRY,  
WHAT'S LEFT  
OF HIS MIND  
CAN'T REMEMBER  
A PHYSICAL  
CONDITION BEFORE  
THE ENDLESS  
PAIN.



WELCOME  
DEATH!

HAHAHAHAHA!



CAN YOU  
TRULY KNOW PAIN  
IF YOU'VE NEVER  
KNOWN ANYTHING  
ELSE? DOESN'T  
PAIN BECOME  
NOTHING?

I SURVIVED  
"ROUND ZERO" OF  
A SUPERNOVA, YOU KNOW.  
EVEN THAT ONLY WEAKENED  
ME... ENOUGH THAT I COULD  
BE MARDOONED ON  
THIS BACKWATER  
WORLD...

...BUT I COULD  
WAIT. EVEN WHEN  
THE PRIMITIVES HERE  
FROZE ME IN STASH,  
I KNEW MY MOMENT  
WOULD COME.

AND IF  
YOU CANNOT  
KNOW DEATH--  
ARE YOU TRULY  
ALIVE?


OR SOMETHING  
GREATER...



FOR I AM  
SOMETHING  
GREATER THAN  
MERELY ALIVE!  
I AM THE  
CAPTIVE!

I AM  
FOREVER!

HAHAHA  
HAHA!



AND  
SURE ENOUGH,  
THE MOMENT  
CAME.

THE LITTLE  
VAMPIRES OF THIS  
WORLD RELEASED  
ME. THEY GALACTIC  
BROTHER TO KILL  
YOU, SYMBIOTE  
YOU AND YOUR  
KIND.

ALL OF  
THIS, IS FOR  
YOU.

THEY SEE  
YOU, A SYMBIOTE  
INSTEAD OF A PARASITE,  
A THING OF ALIEN BLOOD  
INSTEAD OF NICE. SAFE  
BLOOD THEY  
CAN DRINK.

AND  
THEY THINK YOU'RE  
COMPETITION.

IT'S  
SWEET.  
HOW HARD THEY  
TRY TO BE  
SCARY.

BUT THEY  
JUST CAN'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THE SCALE I  
EXIST ON.

YOU'RE  
JUST PREY,  
BUT SO ARE  
THEY. SO IS  
THEIR PLANET  
SO IS THEIR  
SUN.

I JUST  
HAVE TO GROW  
STRONG  
ENOUGH.

TO  
TAKE A  
BITE.



ALUHHH!

TROC!

NNHH



MEHHH...  
SUHHH...  
DUH...

ALUHHNNNN...

YOU, YOU  
HURT ME. YOU  
RAISED A HAND  
AGAINST ME.

HOW DID  
YOU FIND THE  
WILL TO ?



ALUHHN

OH, OF  
COURSE



MY  
SYMBIOTE ANNE  
JAMES

ISN'T THAT  
NICE, PREY?  
YOUR DEAD TOST IS  
STILL SOMEWHERE  
IN THE  
REMNANT

HE MUST  
LOVE YOU VERY  
MUCH



NO, IT WAS  
NOTHING LIKE...

LAST  
TIME.

THE GREAT WALL  
OF CHINA WAS  
A BIG LEAP TO  
A WHOLE NEW  
WORLD.

AND FINALLY, THE  
WALL WAS A WALL  
AND I WAS FREE.

I CAN HELP  
YOU WITH  
YOUR WALL.

AND I CAN SHOW  
YOU THE WAY TO  
A BETTER  
WORLD.

THERE IS NOTHING  
IN THE WORLD  
THAT CAN BE  
MORE IMPORTANT  
TO YOU THAN  
YOUR WALL.

JUST A  
WALL AND  
A WALL.

LET'S LAST  
THE WALL  
A WALL  
TO LIVE.

STAYING  
ALIVE.



THAT I WOULD  
KNOW TO FACE  
SWAN.

COME  
COME ON  
THAT.

WELL  
WELL THAT.



BITE  
FAB



YES, THAT'S  
GENERALLY HOW  
IT WORKS!

NOT JUST  
A BITE THOUGH.  
I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO  
FEED YOU PAST THE  
POINT OF HUMAN DEATH—  
UNTIL THE VAMPIRIC  
ENZYME GOES TO  
WORK ON YOUR  
CORPSE



GENERALLY,  
THAT'S AROUND  
FOUR PINTS.  
BUT YOU'RE SMALL  
SO I'LL LEAVE OFF  
AT THREE

I'M  
WATCHING MY  
WEIGHT.



AAHH!  
GET OFF  
ME!

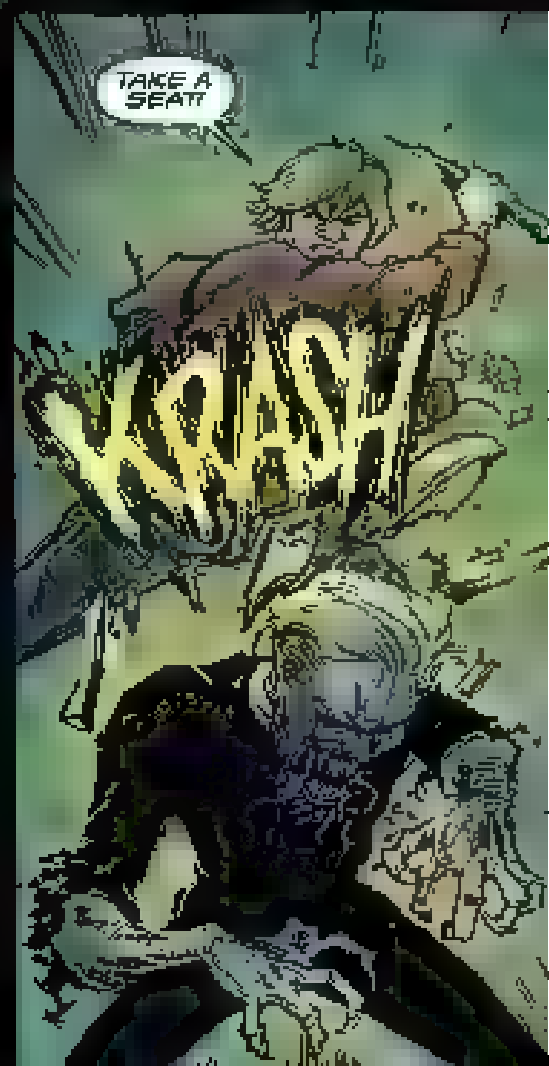
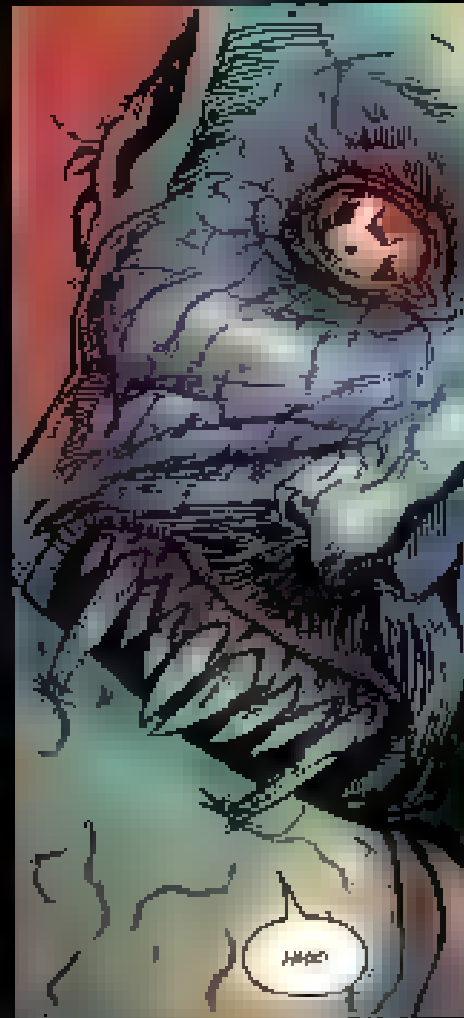
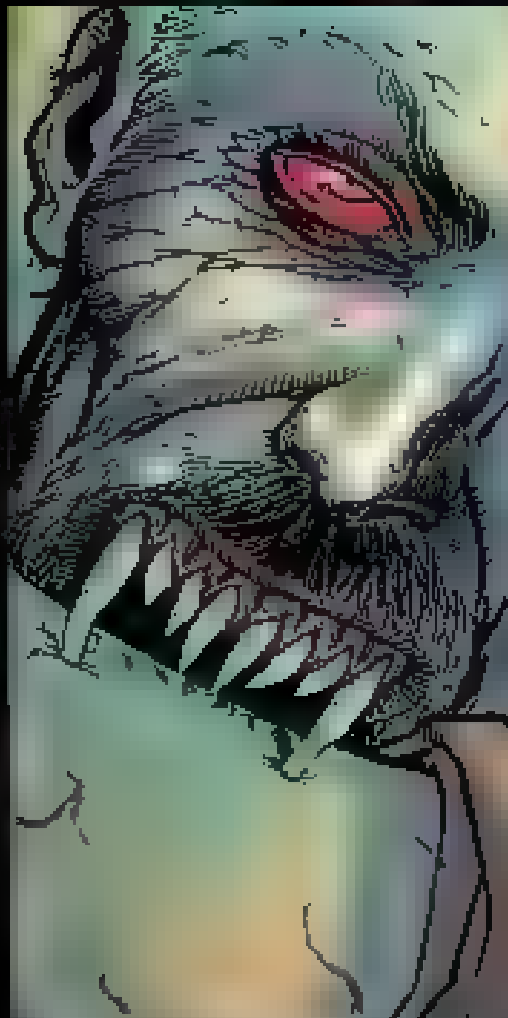
YOU DON'T  
WANT TO DO THIS.  
I'M NOT JUST ANOTHER  
HOMELESS KID FOR  
YOU TO SNACK ON!  
I'VE GOT...

YES  
YES, YOU'VE GOT  
CONNECTIONS!

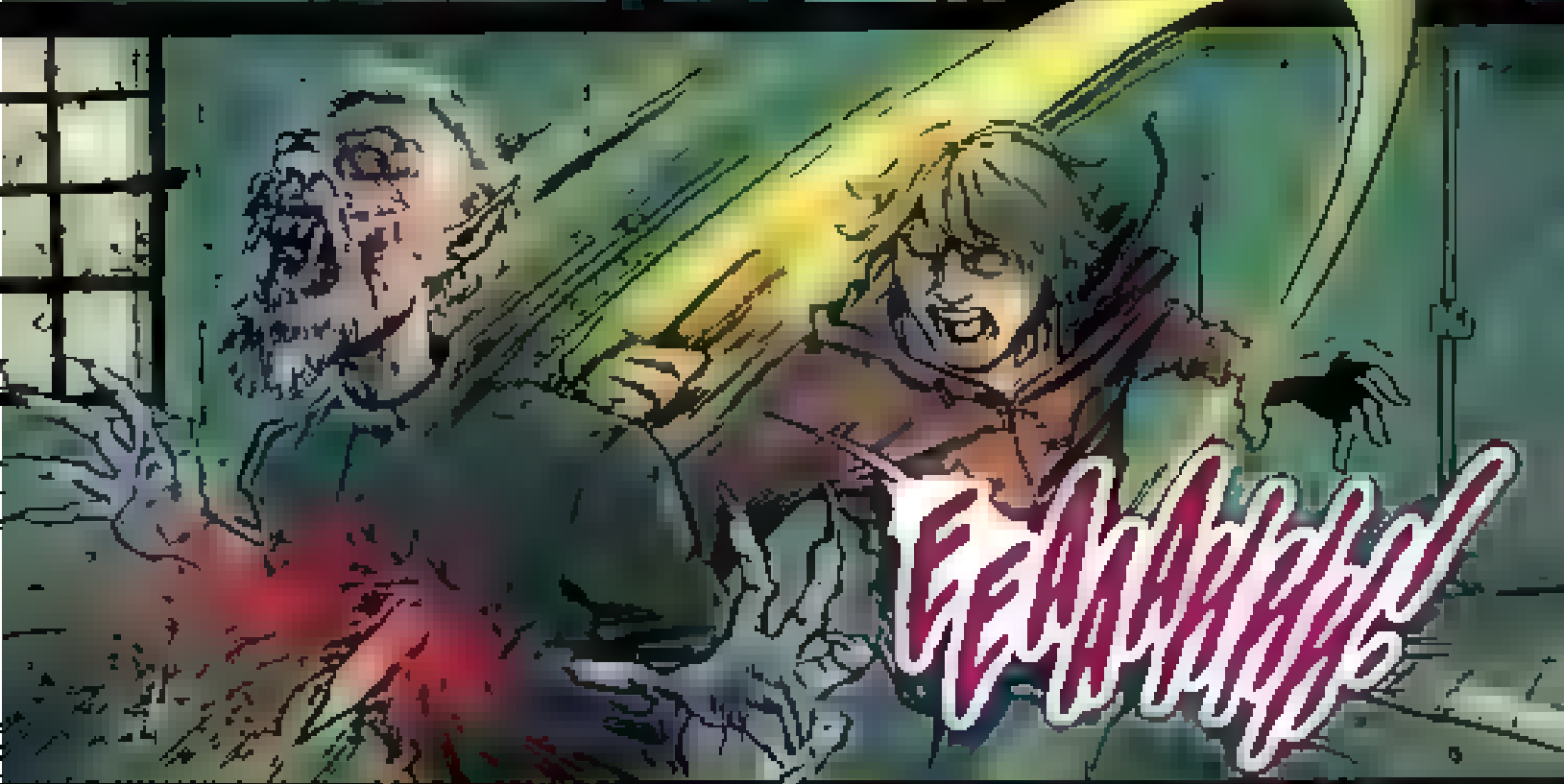


POWERFUL  
CONNECTIONS!  
SYMBIOTE  
CONNECTIONS.  
AND WHERE ARE  
THEY NOW,  
HMM?

WHERE THE  
SUN DOESN'T  
SHINE...











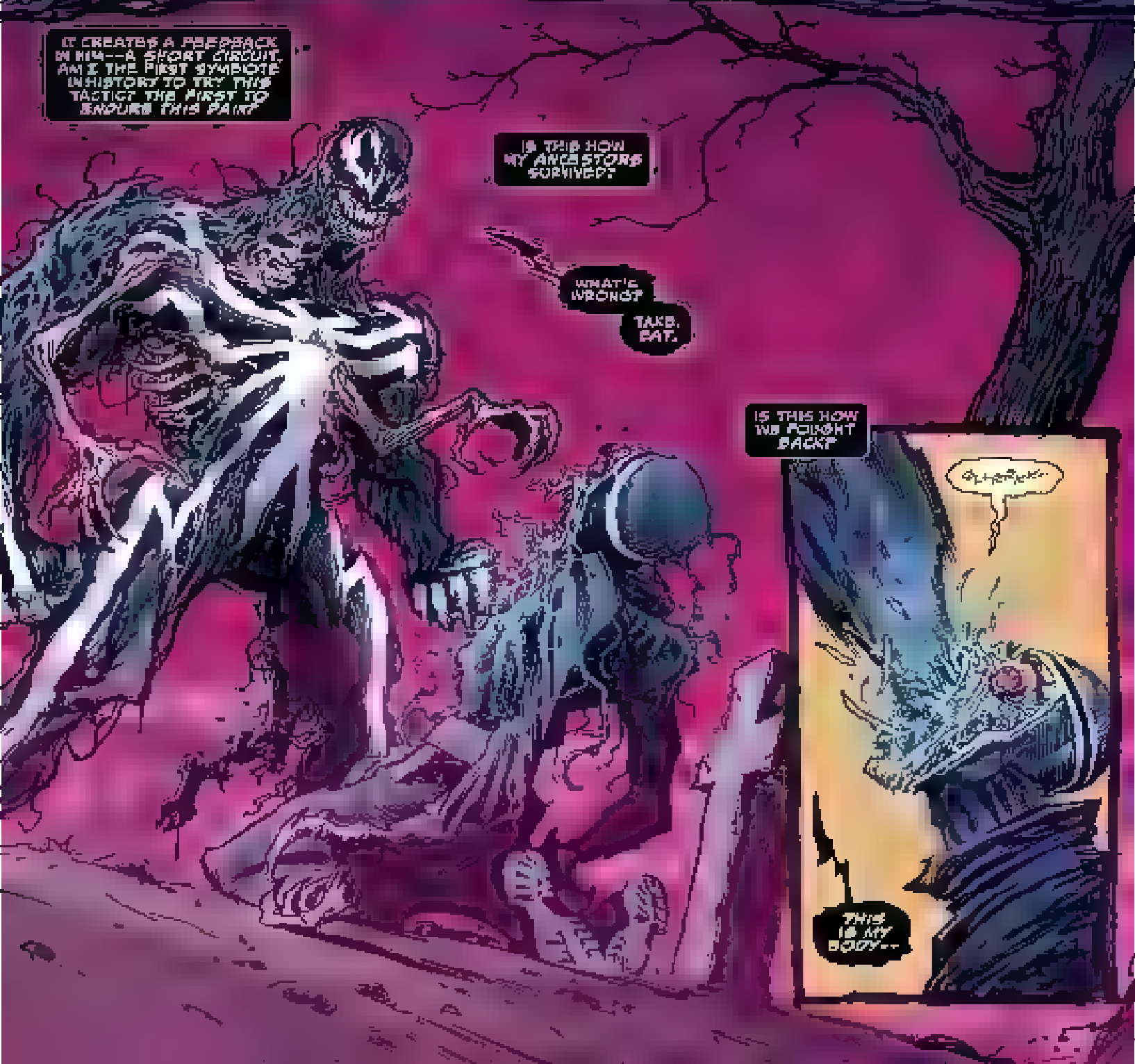
WHAT. WHAT  
IS THIS? THIS  
FEELING? MY OWN  
FLESH FEEDING  
ON ME!

WHAT IS ITS  
NAME?

AND ALL  
AT ONCE...  
I KNOW.

THE ONLY  
THING LEE  
EVER GIFTED  
ME...

PAIN.



IT CREATES A FEEDBACK  
LOOP--A SHORT CIRCUIT.  
AND THE FIRST SYMPTOM  
IN HISTORY TO TRY THIS  
TACTIC? THE FIRST TO  
ENDURE THIS PAIN?

IS THIS HOW  
MY ANCESTORS  
SURVIVED?

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

TALK.  
DAD.

IS THIS HOW  
WE FOUGHT  
BACK?

Oh...  
oh...  
oh...

THIS  
IS MY  
BODY...

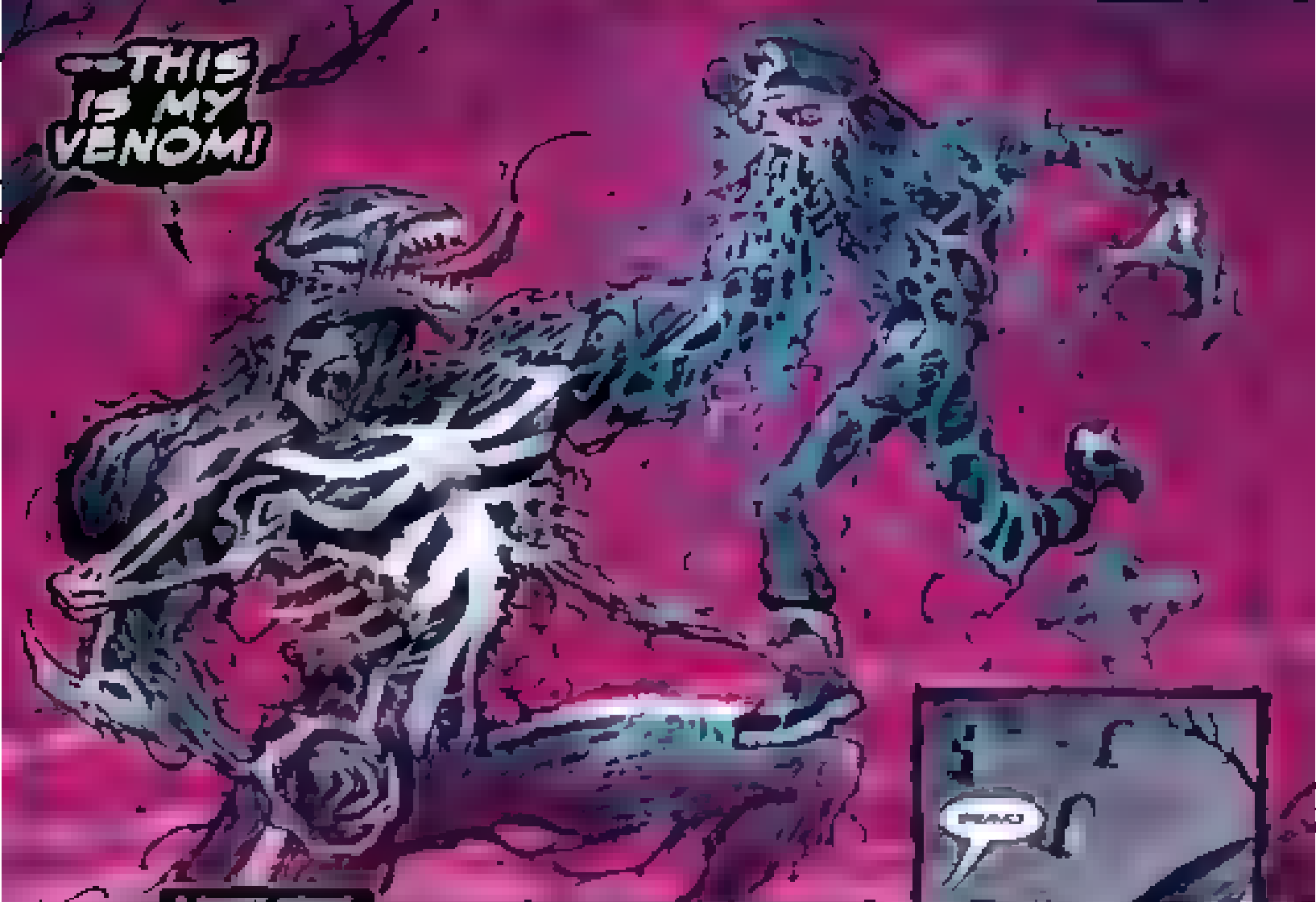


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THIS  
IS MY  
VENOM!



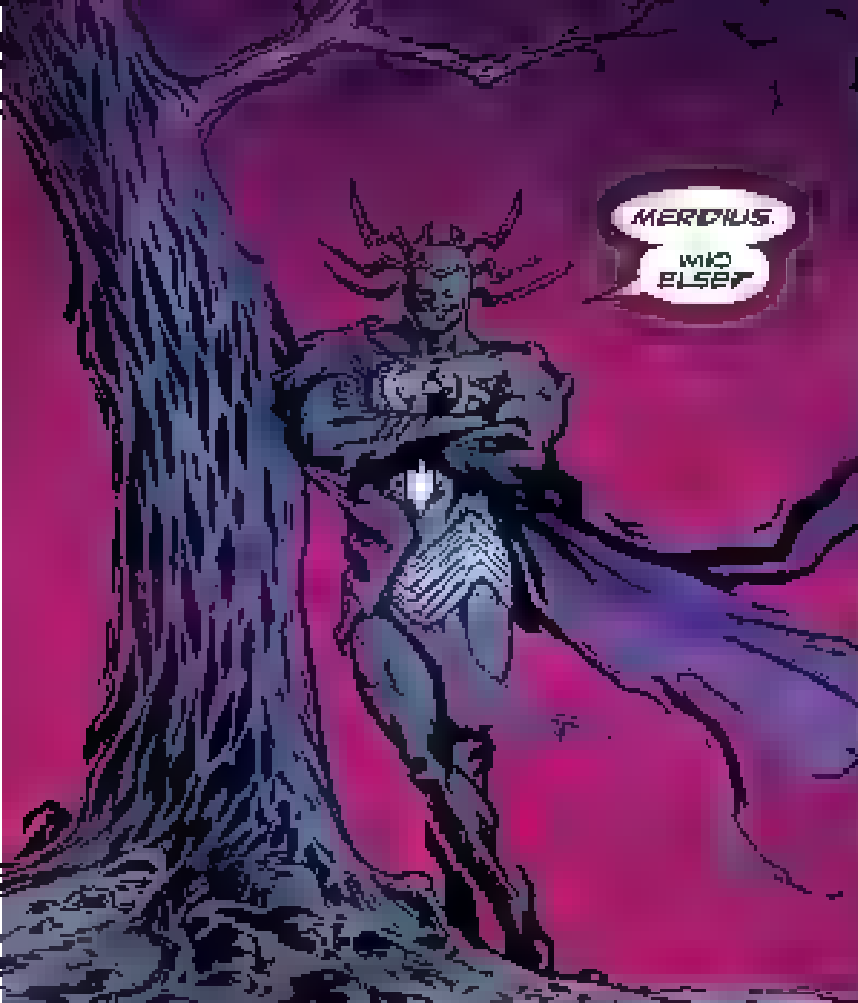
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DEAD





MERDIUS.

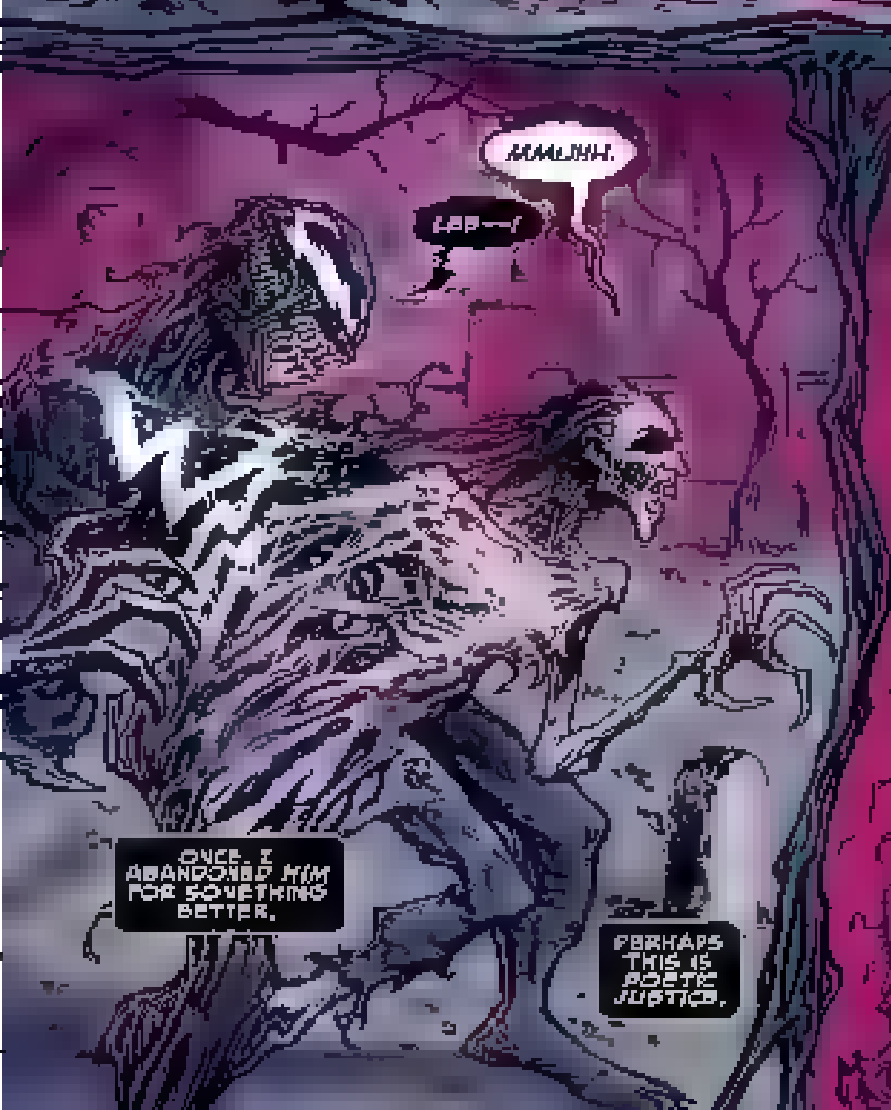
WHO ELSE?



WE PRICE...  
A QUESTION.

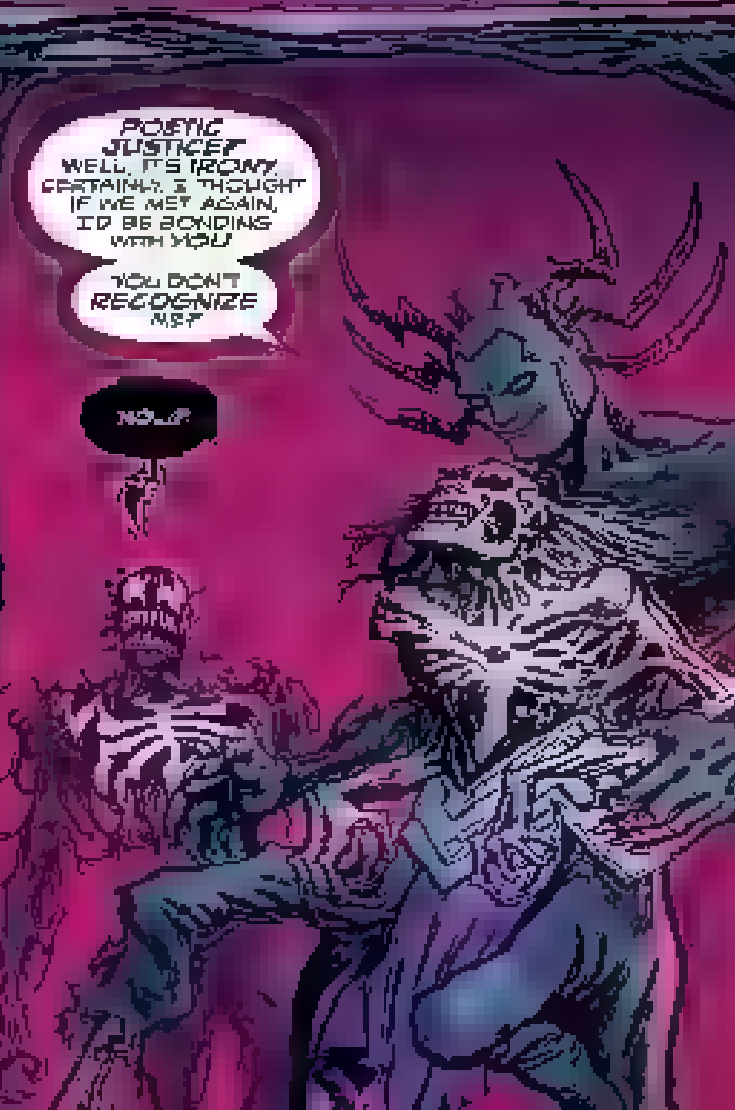
DO YOU  
WANT A SICK  
AND DYING  
SYMBIOTE TO  
BOND WITH?

OR  
FRESH AND  
AGELESS  
SYMBIOTE  
PARTNER...?



MAMUHH.

LAR--?



POETIC  
JUSTICE?  
WELL, IT'S IRONY.  
CERTAINLY. I THOUGHT  
IF WE MET AGAIN,  
I'D BE BONDING  
WITH YOU.

YOU DON'T  
RECOGNIZE  
ME?

NO, LAR?

ONCE I  
ABANDONED HIM  
FOR SOMETHING  
BETTER.

PERHAPS  
THIS IS  
POETIC  
JUSTICE.

WELL, WE'VE BOTH CHANGED. I SHOULD KNOW—I'M THE ONE WHO HELPED CHANGE YOU.

NOT QUITE INTO WHAT I WANTED, BUT... WELL, EVEN SOMEONE AS LONG-LIVED AS ME CAN'T PREDICT THESE THINGS.

WHO... WHO ARE YOU...?

ONCE, WE KNEW EACH OTHER VERY WELL. THAT WAS A FEW EPISODES AGO FOR ME... STILL, I'LL GIVE YOU A CLUE.

THE ABSENT THRONE...? WHAT DYLAN WAS SEARCHING FOR... SO... YOU'VE FINALLY WON...

DYLAN'S DEAD. I'M GOING TO DIE HERE...

MORE THAN LIKELY, THAT'S WHY I'M TAKING LEE—A CONSOLATION PRIZE.

I WAS ONCE A KING ON A THRONE...

...BUT NOW MY THRONE IS ABSENT.

AS A PLAN B... WELL, HE WON'T GIVE ME THE VENGEANCE YOU WOULD HAVE, BUT OUR LITTLE ZOMBIE WILL GIVE ME SOMETHING CLOSE.

AND AS PAYMENT... A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE, A FINAL BIT OF STIMULUS TO RESPOND TO.

DYLAN'S ALIVE, AND EDDIE—YOUR BOSS—IS COMING BACK.

AND THEN?



THEN  
THE WAR  
BEGINS.

TO BE CONTINUED IN  
**VENOM WAR!**

# BLOOD HUNT

## CHECKLIST

### JUNE

- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT #3**
- ☒ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #3**
- ☒ DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – JUBILEE #1
- ☒ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☒ DOCTOR STRANGE #16
- ☒ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #6
- ☒ FANTASTIC FOUR #21
- ☒ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☒ BLOOD HUNTERS #2
- ☒ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #21
- ☒ VENOM #34
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ AVENGERS #15
- ☐ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #2
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT #4**
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #4**
- ☐ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – MAGIK #1
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #2

### JULY

- ☐ BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #3
- ☐ DOCTOR STRANGE #17
- ☐ DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN #22
- ☐ WEREWOLF BY NIGHT: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☐ AVENGERS #16
- ☐ HULK: BLOOD HUNT #1
- ☐ UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ BLOOD HUNTERS #4
- ☐ X-MEN: BLOOD HUNT – LAURA KINNEY THE WOLVERINE #1
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT #5**
- ☐ **BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #5**
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #22
- ☐ MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #3
- ☐ VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #7
- ☐ WOLVERINE: BLOOD HUNT #4



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VENOM WAR prelude!



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